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Grave Warnings Sounded Against Passage of Punitive Labor Laws

Washington, D. C.—Reacting to the growing law and order for punitive labor laws, industrial and legislative leaders have taken a firm stand on grounds that such laws will not bring labor peace, but that the law to labor management relations will be a disaster.

Paul G. Hoffman, president of the Steelworkers Corp. and chairman of the Committee for Economic Development, urged management to "show common sense and good will" in proposals for punitive labor legislation.

Management should favor legislation which "is fair and promotes peace in labor relations," Hoffman told the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

If antislavery bills are passed, Hoffman said they will create resentment which will increase strikes and cause employers to lose the general public support.

Hoffman said that at present management begins collective bargaining with authority to stage a lockout if its terms are not met. If a labor union begins negotiations with a "banned" strike vote in its pocket, it is a "banned" strike, he said.

Lloyd K. Garrison, director of the Wisconsin U. of Labor School and a former member of the Wisconsin State Bar, said that the law to labor management relations is a "banned" strike, he said.

"I think we will make little progress toward adding large scale strikes under our existing law," he said, "so long as we continue to support laws which are punitive to labor."

"We can only make progress by agreement," he said. "Labor and management, with aid and support from the Government can give us the freedom we need for a new day and the structure of settlement which we need."

Only by a combined and sustained effort of this sort can we hope to make lasting progress. There are no easy solutions. There never are to a democracy.

New York Wage Boards To Study Pay of 300,000

New York City—Machinery to bring about wage increases for 300,000 workers in six industries in this State was set in motion here by the New York Labor Department today. The board, which will study the wages of 300,000 workers in the State, was set up by the State Industrial Commission. The board will study the wages of 300,000 workers in the State, was set up by the State Industrial Commission. The board will study the wages of 300,000 workers in the State, was set up by the State Industrial Commission.

Green Asks All A-F Unions To Support Anti-Racial Drive

Washington, D. C.—An urgent appeal to all unions affiliated with the A. F. of M. to "throw their full weight behind the drive to racial equality" was made by AFL President William Green, in a letter to all international and national unions.

Green called attention to the fact that the American Federation of Labor is the only union in the world which has a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, or creed.

MEAT CITIES GET RAIN
Chicago—The largest meat packers of the United States, the American Meat Packers Association and the National Meat Producers Association, have agreed to a new contract for the year 1947.

The new contract provides for a 10% increase in wages and a 5% increase in benefits. It also provides for a 5% increase in the cost of living.

Government Board Favors Guaranteed Annual Wage

Washington, D. C.—A guaranteed annual wage can help importantly in stabilizing the economy and in promoting enduring prosperity, according to the conclusions of a special Government study.

The formal report, made at the request of the White House, was prepared by a group headed by Murray W. Latimer, former chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board.

Discussing the current demand for guaranteed wages as a "normal and perhaps inevitable result of the sequence of economic events since the First World War," the report said in part:

"During and for a brief period following the First World War, the demand for guaranteed wages was not unreasonable. It was a demand for a wage guarantee in the past as establishing the need for assurance that earnings and living standards will be maintained. The demand for wage guarantees is a demand for the security of substantial and regular earnings."

"Unemployment insurance benefits are not a substitute for pay. They are, on the average, less than half pay. The duration of benefits is almost everywhere brief and it is doubtful."

"Employment experience rating in unemployment insurance has not been a satisfactory device for encouraging employers to stabilize employment. Instead, experience rating has encouraged employers to seek to avoid paying unemployment insurance benefits to their employees to seek means to avoid paying benefits and has produced confusion among the States and the Federal Government."

4-Power Administration in Germany Seen As Favorable To Workers

Berlin—The Four-Power Administration of Germany was described by William C. Doherty, a vice president of the American Federation of Labor, as a "blessing in disguise" for the German workers.

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College Study Points Way To Improve Union and Management Relations

Chicago—The ease with which management and labor can settle their differences to their mutual benefit is a report just completed by the Committee on Human Relations at the University of Chicago.

The report, which was prepared by a group of experts, found that the most effective way to settle differences is through negotiation.

Workers in Wall St. Set VOTE FOR AFFILIATION

New York City—The United Financial Employees' Wall Street's life insurance workers voted today to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

The vote was taken at a meeting of the workers, who are represented by the United Financial Employees' Association.

Green Presses Conference To Settle Soft Coal Dispute

Washington, D. C.—A proposal for a conference to settle the bituminous coal strike was advanced by AFL President William Green at the most sensational plan to end the work stoppage.

Mr. Green made his proposal following imposition by Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough of a fine of \$5,000,000 on the United Mine Workers and \$10,000 on its president, John L. Lewis, on charges of contempt of court.

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The coal miners of the nation will interpret the heavy penalty imposed upon them and their leader as an attempt to wreck their union. This will result in a new strike, he said.

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United Textile Workers' Union Seeks To Raise Living Standards Abroad

Brussels, Belgium—A vigorous call for uniform, democratic and international standards for the textile industry was made today by the United Textile Workers' Union of America (AFL).

The union, which is the largest textile union in the world, is calling for a "blessing in disguise" for the textile industry.

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FURNITURE STORES SHOW INCREASE OF 25%

New York City—Another furniture store in the Second Federal Reserve district has reported a 25% increase in sales for the month of November.

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